

# Blue Ice Hike Botna Glacier, Folgefonna (on request)

You will meet us in the morning breeze from the glacier. In anticipation of a different landscape ahead we find our way past running water and over burnished slopes of naked rock. At length the glacier lies before us. Interminable forces hardness in ice! We rope ourselves together and step out onto Folgefonna. We set off, through frozen valleys and past conical towers of ice, in search of a fairy tale in blue. You will feel your spikes biting into the ice and the pleasure of teamwork with those who share the same climbing rope. You are safe in an alien world! Finally you will feel how the white plateau lifts you up to give you a breathtaking view of the ocean to the west. Down at the fjord once more you will be embraced by the pale greens of young birches on the hillsides. You will probably now have the untouched glacier landscape and the view of the ocean in west branded into your memory forever!

#### **Facts**

This trip start with about 1.5 hiking in spectacular surrounding nature from "Jukla Power Station" to Botna glacier, some glacier rivers has to be crossed. At the glacier we take on all glacier equipment, and after a safety brie trip the route goes straight up the Botna glacier ice fall, then crossing over the top of Juklavass glacier and over to Jordal glacier (where Folgefonn Summer ski center is located). This trip is a "complete" glacier experience. The feeling of climbing an ice fall and meet the glacier plateau with magnificent view of the Hardanger fjord, North Sea, Rosendal alps and the Folgefonna plateau is fantastic.

The trip starts 780 masl at Jukla Power Station, there is about 1.5 hours walking up to the glacier (1050 masl), the nature here is wild and spectacular. In front of glacier you take on all the glacier equipment and steps into the blue ice for safety brief. The ice fall is about 1 km in length, and at the top you are 1450 masl.

Depending on time and group-wishes there will be lunch break in the blue ice. From the top of Botna glacier we hold the height directly North, crossing over the top of Juklavass glacier, and over to Jordal glacier. 15:50 we catch the bus from Folgefonn Summer ski center to Jondal. From our office Juklafjord in Jondal we organize transport back to where you parked your car. In total the trip is approximately 7 km in length, and





elevation gradient is 750 meters. Alternatively, instead of climbing up the whole icefall, we can return down the same way as we came.

#### Season

The season for this trip is from about 15 of June until the 1 of September (depending on snow conditions). The ski bus Folgefonn Summer ski center-Jondal is available 24.06-18.08.2013, outside this period alternative transport can be organized.

#### Time length

From 09:30 to 15:50, in total about 6.5 hours. Time length including transport back to where the trips started is estimated to 7.5 hours.

# **Fitting for**

This trip fits everyone above 15 years old, in normal good shape with and without glacier experience. This trip is physically harder than the blue ice in Juklavass glacier, climbing level is depending on snow conditions and physical level for the group. If this trips seems to be too hard for you should choose Juklavass glacier instead

#### Equipment

Warm, wind-and water proof clothing (depending on weather), gloves, mountain boots, food and something to drink. Sunglasses and sun lotion is also recommended.

Included in the price is crampons, ice axe, harness, helm, rope, and mountain boots. We need to know your show size when you book the trip. Mountain boots are in sizes from 33 to 48 (EUR). We also offer rental of clothing, Gore-Tex and fleece (reservation of clothing has to be done when trip is booked). For sale we have sun glasses, sun lotion, maps, snacks, lunch food.

#### **Price**

850 NOK pr. person, price includes all necessary glacier equipment also mountain boots. 10 % discount for families (min 3 persons).

If you want your own glacier guide (for 1-10 persons) the price is 6200 NOK pr. Glacier guide including glacier equipment. Start time, total length and challenge can be adjusted for your group.

In additional there will be transport cost if we choose to walk over to the ski center, this will vary depending on size of group.

Payment Cash/card at our office Juklafjord in Jondal. For people with address in Norway we can send invoice.

## **Booking**

By web, phone (+47 55298921/+47 95117792), e-mail or at our office Juklafjord in Jondal. This trip is not daily; it will be arranged on request



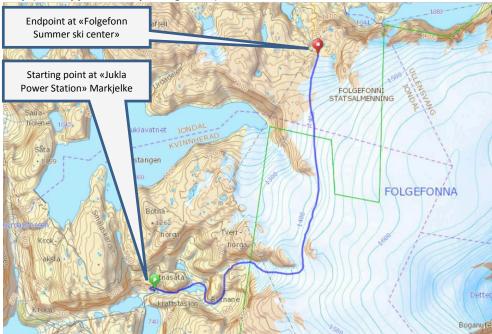








# Map (with approximately hiking route)

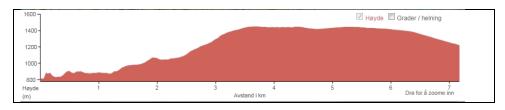








## Height/Length profile



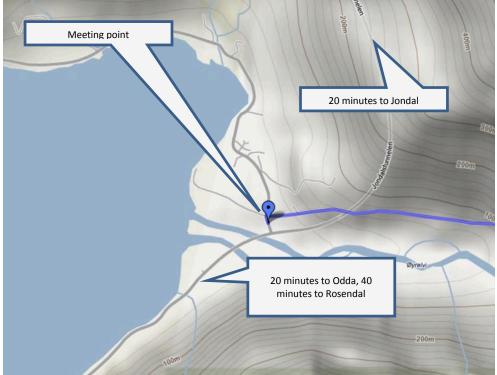


# Meeting point

09:00 at the parking place in Nordrepollen, Mauranger. Note: exact time and meeting point to be agreed when booking.











Meeting point in Nordepollen, Mauranger, Kvinneherad

When all booked customers have arrived we continue to drive to Jukla power station. It is 11 km to drive from Nordrepollen, Mauranger to Jukla power station. No toll.



Driving directions from Nordrepollen to Jukla power station. Its 11 km and takes about 25 minutes to drive

#### **Contact details**

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- Fjord to glacier, hiking in Bondhus valley
- Along Folgefonna (cross country skiing)
- Kayaking in the Hardangerfjord
- Mountain Climbing and abseiling in Herand
- Hardanger in one day (Jondal-Reiseter)
- The blue day (cooperation with Pilagutt)



Kayaking in Jondal in summer time, fantastic contrast to the blue ice on Folgefonna, photo: CH/innovasjon Norway